

THE UFT CHARTER SCHOOL

**Financial Statements
and
Supplemental Schedules**

For the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

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THE UFT CHARTER SCHOOL
For the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Trustees
The UFT Charter School

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The UFT Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The UFT Charter School as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules on page 12 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of the School's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 27, 2015, on our consideration of The UFT Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering The UFT Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP

BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP

New York, NY
October 27, 2015

THE UFT CHARTER SCHOOL
Statements of Financial Position
June 30, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
ASSETS		
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,840,321	\$ 3,140,116
Grants receivable	603,330	685,134
Other receivable	3,734	-
Prepaid expenses	15,608	29,635
Inventory	-	41,871
Furniture and equipment, net	<u>364,858</u>	<u>356,818</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,827,851</u>	<u>\$ 4,253,574</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 559,090	\$ 506,140
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	822,402	-
Due to United Federation of Teachers	320,740	312,571
Accrued sick pay	<u>286,734</u>	<u>271,047</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,988,966</u>	<u>1,089,758</u>
Net assets :		
Unrestricted	3,740,547	3,054,036
Temporarily restricted	<u>98,337</u>	<u>109,779</u>
Total net assets	<u>3,838,884</u>	<u>3,163,815</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 5,827,850</u>	<u>\$ 4,253,573</u>

See notes to financial statements.

THE UFT CHARTER SCHOOL
Statements of Activities
For the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	2015			2014		
	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted
Revenue:						
Local per pupil operating revenue	\$ 14,243,327	\$ 14,243,327	\$ -	\$ 14,403,549	\$ 14,403,549	\$ -
Government grants	793,751	-	793,751	706,455	-	706,455
Contributions	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Interest income	9,577	9,577	-	4,860	4,860	-
School uniform sales	3,677	3,677	-	12,822	12,822	-
Other income	63,048	63,048	-	35,786	35,786	-
Net assets released from purpose restrictions	-	805,193	(805,193)	-	689,719	(689,719)
Total operating revenue	15,114,380	15,125,822	(11,442)	15,164,472	15,147,736	16,736
Expenses:						
Program services:						
Regular Education	11,626,750	11,626,750	-	10,402,214	10,402,214	-
Special Education	789,005	789,005	-	714,114	714,114	-
Supporting services:						
Management and general	2,013,270	2,013,270	-	1,824,091	1,824,091	-
Fundraising	10,286	10,286	-	9,872	9,872	-
Total expenses	14,439,311	14,439,311	-	12,950,292	12,950,292	-
Change in net assets	675,069	686,511	(11,442)	2,214,180	2,197,444	16,736
Net assets:						
Beginning of year	3,163,815	3,054,036	109,779	949,635	856,592	93,043
End of year	\$ 3,838,884	\$ 3,740,547	\$ 98,337	\$ 3,163,815	\$ 3,054,036	\$ 109,779

See notes to financial statements.

THE UFT CHARTER SCHOOL
Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 675,069	\$ 2,214,180
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	160,714	207,876
Loss on disposal of furniture and equipment	1,461	-
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Grants receivable	81,804	(211,329)
Other receivable	(3,734)	5,380
Prepaid expenses	14,027	(29,635)
Inventory	41,871	(5,583)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	52,950	345,208
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	822,402	-
Accrued sick and vacation pay	<u>15,687</u>	<u>(91,709)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,862,251</u>	<u>2,434,388</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Additions to furniture and equipment	<u>(170,215)</u>	<u>(94,294)</u>
Net cash (used in) investing activities	<u>(170,215)</u>	<u>(94,294)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Due to United Federation of Teachers	<u>8,169</u>	<u>233,712</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>8,169</u>	<u>233,712</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,700,205	2,573,806
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of year	<u>3,140,115</u>	<u>566,309</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 4,840,320</u>	<u>\$ 3,140,115</u>

See notes to financial statements.

THE UFT CHARTER SCHOOL
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2015 and 2014

Note 1 - Nature of Organization

The UFT Elementary Charter School was formed under an education corporation that operates charter schools in the borough of Brooklyn, New York City. On July 21, 2005, the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York granted the School a provisional charter valid for a term of five years from the effective date of July 15, 2005 and renewable upon expiration. On July 25, 2006, the New York State Board of Regents approved a revision to the charter for the name of the UFT Elementary Charter School to be changed to The UFT Charter School (the "School"). Beginning September 2006, The UFT Secondary Charter School commenced classes. The UFT Secondary Charter School operates under the same charter as the School. On February 26, 2013, the Charter School's Committee approved a renewal with conditions for a two-year term through July 31, 2015. On March 6, 2015, the Charter School's Committee approved a renewal for a three-year term through July 31, 2018 for grades 9-12 only. Effective June 30, 2015, the School closed its elementary and middle school programs.

The School's mission is to prepare all students to achieve academic and personal excellence, to graduate students fully prepared for a demanding secondary education, and to help prepare students for meaningful lives as full democratic citizens in a free society.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The financial statements of the School have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The School reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

Net Assets

Unrestricted net assets are not restricted by donors/grantors, or the donor/grantor-imposed restrictions have expired.

Temporarily restricted net assets contain donor/grantor-imposed restrictions that permit the School to use or expend the assets as specified. The restrictions are satisfied either by the passage of time or by action of the School.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
June 30, 2015 and 2014

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Net Assets (Continued)

Permanently restricted net assets are subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the School. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, the School did not have any permanently restricted net assets.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets.

When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported as released from purpose restrictions in the statements of activities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The School considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at time of purchase to be cash equivalents.

Grants Receivable

Unconditional grants receivable are recognized as revenue in the period in which the grant is awarded. Conditional grants receivable are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

Inventory

Inventory is recorded at cost, which approximates net realizable value. Inventory at June 30, 2015 and 2014 consists of shirts to be worn as part of a school uniform. The shirts are available for sale only to students and their families. As of June 30, 2015 the School did not maintain an inventory of shirts.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
June 30, 2015 and 2014

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment is recorded at cost except for assets acquired in accordance with government contracts, which are recorded as expenses of such contracts because the government agency retains title to the assets.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, which range from five to seven years.

Contributions and Grants

Contributions and grant revenue received are recorded as unrestricted or temporarily restricted depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as temporarily restricted support that increases that net asset class. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from purpose restrictions.

Revenue from the local government resulting from the School's charter status and based on the number of students enrolled is recorded when services are performed in accordance with the charter agreement.

Promises to Give

Conditional promises to give are not included as support until the conditions are substantially met. Unconditional promises to give are recognized in the period received.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited based on management's estimates.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
June 30, 2015 and 2014

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Subsequent Events

The School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions through October 27, 2015, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Furniture and Equipment

At June 30, 2015 and 2014, furniture and equipment consisted of:

	2015	2014
Classroom and office furniture	\$ 641,175	\$ 637,766
Classroom and office computers and equipment	1,757,259	1,605,069
	2,398,434	2,242,835
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,033,576)	(1,886,017)
Furniture and equipment, net	\$ 364,858	\$ 356,818

During the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, depreciation expense amounted to \$160,714 and \$207,876, respectively.

Note 4 - Related Party Transactions

The School is related to the United Federation of Teachers, Local 2, AFT (the "UFT"). The School utilizes the resources and personnel of the UFT and UFT Welfare Fund to effectuate cost savings and to minimize duplication of efforts. During the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the School was allocated \$320,740 and \$312,571 from these entities, respectively. Allocated expenses consisted mainly of salaries, payroll taxes and employee benefits.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
June 30, 2015 and 2014

Note 5 - Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

At June 30, 2015 and 2014, temporarily restricted net assets were available for the following purposes:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Temporarily restricted:		
Title I Grant - NYS Department of Education 9/1/14- 8/31/15	\$ 98,337	\$ -
Title I Grant - NYS Department of Education 9/1/13 - 8/31/14	-	109,779
Total temporarily restricted net assets	<u>\$ 98,337</u>	<u>\$ 93,043</u>

The School has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets (donor-restricted and board-designated) that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowments while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, the School's endowment assets consisted of temporarily restricted net assets invested in cash and cash equivalents.

Effective September 17, 2010, the State of New York adopted the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("NYPMIFA").

Note 6 - Pension Plan

Effective fiscal year 2008, the School began contributing to the Teachers Retirement System, a defined contribution plan. The total amounts contributed for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 were \$1,095,508 and \$1,265,175, respectively.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
June 30, 2015 and 2014

Note 7 - Concentrations

Credit Risk

The School maintains cash balances at a banking institution. Accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The School does not anticipate any risk problems.

Significant Funding

The School has entered into service contracts and grant agreements with New York State and New York City government agencies that are subject to business risks associated with the economy and administrative directives, rules and regulations that are subject to change. A significant reduction in revenue from these various governmental agency contracts would have an adverse effect on the School's programs.

Note 8 - Tax Status

The School has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") to be exempt from federal income taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC").

The School files an annual return Form 990, *Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax*, with the IRS. At June 30, 2015, the School's Form 990s for the years 2011 through 2014 remain eligible for examination by the IRS.

THE UFT CHARTER SCHOOL
(Supplemental Schedules)
Schedules of Functional Expenses
For the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	2015					2014				
	Program Services		Supporting Services			Program Services		Supporting Services		
	Regular Education	Special Education	Management and General	Fundraising	Total	Regular Education	Special Education	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Salaries	\$ 7,611,624	\$ 507,406	\$ 1,071,776	\$ 6,952	\$ 9,197,758	\$ 6,393,314	\$ 448,410	\$ 754,195	\$ 6,529	\$ 7,602,448
Payroll taxes	545,195	36,343	77,053	507	659,098	492,850	34,568	57,320	477	585,215
Employee benefits	1,982,460	132,135	304,749	2,655	2,421,999	2,184,842	153,228	271,826	2,688	2,612,584
Provision for sick and vacation pay	(2,884)	19,905	(1,334)	-	15,687	(58,328)	(16,614)	(16,768)	-	(91,710)
Classroom textbooks and supplies	145,628	10,107	-	-	155,735	191,285	15,197	-	-	206,482
Classroom furniture and equipment	157,130	10,906	-	-	168,036	94,168	7,481	-	-	101,649
Office furniture and equipment	-	-	13,763	-	13,763	-	-	9,636	-	9,636
Consulting	-	-	110,455	-	110,455	-	-	460,374	-	460,374
After school program	552,560	38,350	-	-	590,910	509,465	40,476	-	-	549,941
School uniforms	50,712	3,520	-	-	54,232	38,899	3,090	-	-	41,989
Insurance	37,520	2,502	93,988	-	134,010	38,845	2,976	85,917	-	127,738
Telephone	93,714	6,247	13,196	86	113,243	65,133	4,570	7,684	70	77,457
Meetings and conferences	-	-	28,699	-	28,699	-	-	39,947	-	39,947
Moving expenses	-	-	201,092	-	201,092	-	-	-	-	-
Auditing	-	-	37,500	-	37,500	-	-	37,500	-	37,500
Teacher recruitment	560	39	-	-	599	16,757	1,331	-	-	18,088
Printing	34,165	2,277	4,811	31	41,284	55,062	3,863	6,496	59	65,480
Office supplies	-	-	10,597	-	10,597	-	-	11,645	-	11,645
Postage	23,383	1,559	3,293	21	28,256	10,495	736	1,238	11	12,480
Copying	175	12	24	-	211	64	4	7	-	75
Teachers' discretionary	5,119	355	-	-	5,474	(2,753)	(219)	-	-	(2,972)
Student trips	111,890	7,766	-	-	119,656	93,565	7,434	-	-	100,999
Food service	9,133	634	-	-	9,767	9,227	733	-	-	9,960
Maintenance and supplies	-	-	14,572	-	14,572	-	-	13,973	-	13,973
Payroll processing	6,090	406	858	5	7,359	7,040	494	831	8	8,373
Student testing materials	14,885	1,033	-	-	15,918	15,978	1,269	-	-	17,247
School programs	73,615	5,109	-	-	78,724	38,876	3,089	-	-	41,965
Student recruitment	4,760	330	-	-	5,090	232	18	-	-	250
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,049	-	30,049
Legal settlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	-	20,000
Depreciation	138,356	-	22,358	-	160,714	178,983	-	28,893	-	207,876
Loss on disposition of furniture and equipment	-	-	1,461	-	1,461	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	30,960	2,064	4,359	29	37,412	28,215	1,980	3,328	30	33,553
Total expenses	\$ 11,626,750	\$ 789,005	\$ 2,013,270	\$ 10,286	\$ 14,439,311	\$ 10,402,214	\$ 714,114	\$ 1,824,091	\$ 9,872	\$ 12,950,291

See independent auditor's report.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

The Board of Trustees
The UFT Charter School

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of The UFT Charter School, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 27, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered The UFT Charter School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The UFT Charter School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of The UFT Charter School's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether The UFT Charter School's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP

BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP

New York, NY
October 27, 2015



October 27, 2015

Board of Trustees
The UFT Charter School
300 Wyona Street
Brooklyn, NY 11207

Dear Members of the Board:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of The UFT Charter School as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered The UFT Charter School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The UFT Charter School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of The UFT Charter School's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees of The UFT Charter School, others within the entity, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP

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